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CLAIMS

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- 1) (Amended) Method for preventing signal coupling between two or more chip-based mounted piezoelectric resonator sensors (G'; G") in a sensor system wherein the sensors are connected in series or parallel and each sensor (G'; G") has a flowcell body (C'; C") provided with its own resonator (3'; 3") connected to its own oscillator circuit (29'; 29") and its own power supply (35'; 35"), characterised by the steps of providing each sensor (G'; G") with its own, individual conducting shield (44'; 44") which substantially surrounds said oscillator circuit (29'; 29") and by connecting said conducting shield (44'; 44") to one pole of the power supply (35'; 35").
 - 2) Method in accordance with claim 1 wherein each said shield (44'; 44") substantially surrounds its respective flowcell body (C'; C").
 - 3) Method in accordance with claim 1 or 2 characterised in that the step of providing each sensor (G', G") with its own, individual conducting shield (44', 44") which substantially surrounds said sensor (G'; G") comprises the steps of making a flowcell body (C', C") out of a non-conducting material and coating substantially all of the outer surfaces of said flowcell body with a conducting material.
 - 4) (Amended) Method in accordance with claim 1 wherein each said shield (44'; 44") does not surround its respective flowcell body (C'; C").
- 25 5) (Amended) Piezoelectric resonator sensor comprising a body (C'; C")

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comprising a resonator (3'; 3") connected to an oscillator circuit (29'; 29") and a power supply (35'; 35") characterised in that said oscillator circuit (29'; 29") is substantially surrounded by a conducting shield (44'; 44") which shield (44'; 44") is connectable to one pole of the power supply (35'; 35").

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- 6) (Added) Piezoelectric resonator sensor in accordance with claim 4-5 characterised in that said conducting shield substantially surrounds said body (C'; C").
- 7) (Added) Piezoelectric resonator sensor in accordance with claim 5 characterised in that said conducting shield does not surround respective said body (C'; C").